

# Upper Valley Special Education Unit



## OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

The year is off to a great start! We wanted to start a new way to let you know what was going on in "Upper Valley Land." A NEWSLETTER! 😊

There have been a lot of learning opportunities this year so far, starting with the photo to the left. IT IS GETTING COLDER, so try to remember that when going to swim outside in ND!

### LEARNING in UV!

#### Indicator 13

There was training held for Indicator 13 Sept 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for those who attended! The information provided was great! We have a lot of dedicated teachers working to see our high school students succeed!

Some big points to remember for these students:

- EVERY student at EVERY meeting!
- Begin planning transition with the end in mind.
- Make sure you use the transition checklist for compliance

#### Alternate Assessment

Alt. Assessment was discussed Sept. 18 in Fargo. Thank you for all the staff that attended! Key points to remember with Alt. Assessment for this year are:

- Be on the lookout for the email from DPI that will have your Educator Portal login information in it.
- DO NOT enter your student's information in the system. DPI will be doing this.
- Make sure to check out the Google Doc that was shared with you explaining how to fill out the NDSA/ALT ASSESS part on the IEP.

### REMINDERS 😊

1. Please check our administration calendars when setting up meetings that you would like us to attend!
2. Make sure you are checking your Upper Valley email EVERYDAY!
3. Please fill out the survey form that will be shared with you soon.
4. Make sure all Transfer IEPs are completed, as well as the change of case managers.
5. Please make sure you have given ALL teachers involved with your students updated accommodations.

### HELPFUL LINKS

1. ND Alt. Assessment  
<http://dynamiclearningmaps.org/northdakota>
2. Transition Matrix  
<https://docs.google.com/viewer?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.dpi.state.nd.us%2Ftransitn%2Fmatrix%2Fmatrix.pdf>
3. Indicator 13 Checklist  
[http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/speced1/data/indicator\\_13\\_checklist.pdf](http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/speced1/data/indicator_13_checklist.pdf)